REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application with claims 1, 3, 21, 23, 26, 36, 39 and 40 being independent. Claims 17, 18, 26, 36 and 40 have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors, and claim 39 has been amended to recite a flash memory storing "information associated with physical characteristics of a user." No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-38, 40, and 41.

Independent claim 39 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Harkin (U.S. Patent No. 6,327,376) in view of Soini (U.S. Patent No. 6,445,932) and in further view of Umeya (U.S. Patent No. 6,028,581). Claim 39 has been amended to obviate this rejection.

Claim 39, as amended, recites a mobile telephonic device that includes a flash memory storing "information associated with physical characteristics of a user" and a liquid crystal display device that has a pixel portion having a plurality of pixels. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 39 because neither Harkin, Soini, Umeya, nor any proper combination of the three describes or suggests the recited flash memory storing information associated with physical characteristics of a user.

Harkin describes a fingerprint sensing device that includes a fingerprint sensing array 10 having regularly spaced sense elements 12 electronically connected to a sense circuit 24. Harkin, however, does not describe or suggest use of a flash memory and is silent as to device storage of "information associated with physical characteristics of a user."

Soini describes a multi-service mobile station 1 that enables a user to access multiple telecommunication services and shift between the multiple telecommunications services quickly and without loss of user inputted information. The multi service mobile station 1 includes a flash memory 47 that temporarily stores user inputted information when a user changes from one telecommunication service to another. The flash memory 47, however, stores information inputted by a user related to a telecommunication service, such as, for example, user inputted message information for a telefax service, and, therefore, is not a flash memory storing

"information associated with physical characteristics of a user," as claimed. See col. 2, lines 7-13 and col. 6, line65 to col. 7, line 5.

Umeya describes a method and apparatus for a liquid crystal display having improved off-axis viewing and low display distortions. Umeya, however, does not describe or suggest use of a flash memory or storage of "information associated with physical characteristics of a user."

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 39.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

A check in the amount of $300.00 ($120.00 for a One-Month Extension of Time and $180.00 for an information disclosure statement) is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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